

Public Health Preparedness District Update

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The Indiana public health preparedness district map changed in January, with some counties shifting districts and the southern districts being renumbered.

Five counties, LaPorte, Owen, Green, Martin and Bartholomew, were moved into neighboring districts. The former districts of 10, 7, 8 and 9 have been renumbered 7, 8, 9, and 10 respectively (see map). ISDH made the changes to align the public health preparedness districts with the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency emergency response districts. This will allow for better coordination and response to a public health emergency.

New Field Staff

Tom Duszynski, formerly the environmental supervisor at LaPorte County Health Department, joined the ISDH as the field epidemiologist for District 2 on December 22. The field epidemiology team is now complete, with all districts serviced by an ISDH field epidemiologist. Field epidemiologists assist local health departments with outbreak investigations, disease surveillance and case follow-up, and information dissemination. They also support ISDH program areas with data collection and help coordinate training within the districts.

Two new public health coordinators have also joined the ISDH. **Joe Hilt**, formerly with Science Applications International Corporation, became the public health coordinator for District 3 on November 24. **Stephen Cradick** worked for the Owen County Health Department food protection program before starting as the District 7 coordinator on January 5. A public health coordinator now services five districts. Public health coordinators assist local health departments and districts with public health preparedness planning, training exercises, grant issues, and establishing partnerships.

Public Health Preparedness Districts

District 1

Epidemiologist: Donna Allen
Coordinator: Vacant

District 2

Epidemiologist: Tom Duszynski
Coordinator: Vacant

District 3

Epidemiologist: Brad Beard
Coordinator: Joe Hilt

District 4

Epidemiologist: Sandy Gorsuch
Coordinator: Liz Hibler

District 5

Epidemiologist: Lora Bogda
Coordinator: Becky Lair

District 6

Epidemiologist: Stephanie Jackson
Coordinator: Vacant

District 7

Epidemiologist: Rob Allen
Coordinator: Stephen Cradick

District 8

Epidemiologist: Rob Allen
Coordinator: Judy Gilliland

District 9

Epidemiologist: Steve Allen
Coordinator: Vacant

District 10

Epidemiologist: Karen Gordon
Coordinator: Vacant

